IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dennis J. Michaelson, et al. Group/Art Unit: 1744

Application No.: 10/050,400 Examiner: Monzer R. Chorbaji

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Title: Sterilization apparatus for orthodontic

bands

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION Dated: April 3, 2007

To: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed April 3, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks of record:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response to Office Action.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Response to Office Action.